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# INDOT 2030 Long-Range Plan

## Implementation

### Overview

This 2030 Long Range Plan will provide direction to transportation decision-makers at all levels on INDOT's vision for expansion of the network in the next 25 years. This plan will be implemented through our formalized Program Development Process and the Metropolitan Planning Organization Planning Process. These continuous activities provide frequent opportunities for public input, an important element in implementation.

### Program Development Process

Details of INDOT's Program Development Process are included in Chapter 2, The Planning Process. The very nature of any Long Range Plan is that it is, indeed, *long range*, in this case 25 years. At the same time, this Plan will provide guidance for a short-range program. For the most part the next seven years are defined by the existing production schedule. A shorter span of time, the next three years, is detailed in the Indiana Statewide Transportation Improvement Program. Short term project decisions will be shaped by long term direction. Furthermore, the Long Range Plan will provide a stream of potential projects for the future that will feed into the short range process.

INDOT districts and several divisions, most notably the Division of Program Development, will play a critical role in implementing the Long Range Plan. The districts are in day-to-day contact with users of our transportation system. This, coupled with expert knowledge of the area's transportation infrastructure and numerous other local issues, makes our districts an invaluable resource in turning this plan into reality. The Management Systems, primarily housed in the Division of Program Development, will provide additional technical data in terms of pavement and bridge improvement needs, as well as capacity and safety needs on our system. A concerted effort will be made to time pavement and capacity improvement needs to keep delay impacts to motorists at a minimum.

In summary, we will all work as partners in the implementation of the Long Range Plan. Existing programmed capacity improvements will be made in concert with the long range vision, and new expansion projects will only be done as part of overall Long Range Plan strategy.

## MPO Long Range Plan Development

Details of the Metropolitan Planning Organization planning process are included in Chapter 2, The Planning Process. The foundation for all activities of an MPO is its Long Range Plan. INDOT and our MPO planning partners have been coordinating Long Range Plan efforts for decades. The existing MPO Long Range Plans were critically important documents used in developing this Long Range Plan. The existence of a project-oriented INDOT Long Range Plan greatly assists the MPOs in developing their Long Range Plans. Conversely, the MPO Long Range Plans assist INDOT in updating its Long Range Plan in the future.

Just as with our INDOT districts, the MPOs are in daily contact with users of our transportation system. They too have expert knowledge of the transportation infrastructure of their metropolitan area and numerous other local issues. Likewise, the MPOs will be an invaluable resource in implementing this Plan.

## Final Thoughts

The Indiana Department of Transportation 2030 Long Range Plan is an evolving document. The project listing contained within this report for the next 25 years is flexible. Predicting the future is a difficult task. This plan will be amended periodically so that we can adapt to changing needs, priorities, and fiscal realities. INDOT anticipates that our Long Range Plan will be formally updated every two years. In the meantime, we are receptive to and encourage your comments. Together, we can provide for a safe, efficient, effective, reliable transportation system for all Hoosiers and those who pass between our borders here at the Crossroads of America.